

SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I James Lankford, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

US Israel Education Association (USIEA)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

August 18, 2017- August 25, 2017

Travel date(s):

Israel

Destination(s):

Hannah Abigail Lankford

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$6825	\$1275	\$1048	\$379

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$6825	\$1275	\$1048	\$379

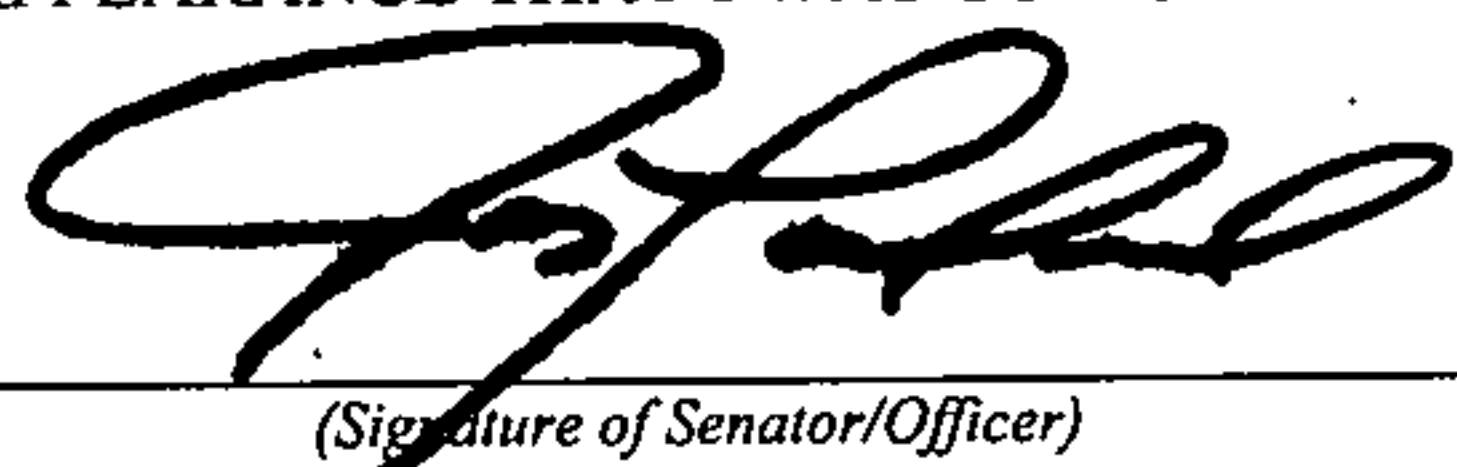
Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

please see itinerary

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

9/21/2017

(Date)



(Signature of Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
US Israel Education Association (USIEA)
2. Description of the trip: USIEA leads advanced educational trips to Israel for Congress Members which provides a fact-finding mission concerning the US-Israel relationship.
3. Dates of travel: August 18, 2017- August 25, 2017
4. Place of travel: Israel
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator James Lankford
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
[OR]
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
[AND]
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
[AND]
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Heather Johnston, USIEA Executive Director- Tour Leader in Israel

Julie Esque- USIEA Tour Director- Manages logistics, details, locations

Allison Smith- USIEA Assistant- Manages Speakers and Members

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

USIEA educates and serves US legislative leaders to help foster communications between US and Israeli

leaders and experts so that demographic realities and current complexities are clearly understood. This

leads to informed decisions on the part of these legislators.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

USIEA has been leading advanced educational trips to Israel since 2011, as well as educational briefings

in Washington, DC.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

USEIA educational briefings on Capitol Hill convey information on subjects related to US-Israel

relations. USIEA offers Members and staff educational resources that enhance their knowledge on timely issues or potential opportunities for economic development.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$6825	\$1275	\$1048	\$2324

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

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18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The fact-finding mission to Israel will evaluate the proposed and applied peace initiatives and their affect
on the lives of Israelis and Palestinians residing in the region.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem, Israel

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel was selected for the high level of security, location, meeting space and availability

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Daily Lodging Cost- \$212.50

Daily meal Cost- \$175

Daily Other Cost- \$387

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Business Class Travel was selected due to the length of the flights

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Heather Johnston

Name and Title: Heather Johnston- Executive Director

Name of Organization: US Israel Education Association (USIEA)

Address: 402 Office Park Dr., Suite 215 Birmingham, AL 35223

Telephone Number: 205-547-5466

Fax Number: 205-739-2258

E-mail Address: heather@usieducation.org



Dear Senator Lankford,

I want to personally invite you and your daughter on an innovative tour to Israel August 18-27, 2017. US Israel Education Association leads Congressional Delegations on advanced fact-finding missions for Senior Members. These tours travel through Judea and Samaria (West Bank) and investigate issues related to security, economy, and culturally influenced perceptions of peace. The trips provide an opportunity to engage directly with Israel's top leaders in government, business, defense and technology.

The privately sponsored trips provide all meals, accommodations, and travel expenses for you and your spouse. A private security staff will escort the tour for the length of your time in Israel. The number of tour participants is intentionally limited to maintain an atmosphere that strengthens relationships and encourages participation in dialogue related to your committee assignments and areas of expertise.

To accept our invitation, your office is required to submit travel documents to Congressional Ethics for approval. If you wish to accept our invitation, we kindly ask that you begin the submission process now with our office in order to make reservations and organize necessary travel arrangements.

We would be honored to have you join us on this unforgettable trip.

Every Blessing,

Heather Johnston

Heather Johnston
USIEA Executive Director



Arrival – Saturday, August 19, 2017:

Transfer to Jerusalem - Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Welcome and Orientation*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

8:00 AM **Breakfast – Hotel (1 hr.)**

9:00 AM **Depart for City of David**

9:30 AM **City of David Walking Tour/Tunnels (1.5 hrs.)**

Speaker: Ze'ev Orenstein, Director of International Affairs, City of David Foundation
Topic: *The Founding of Ancient Jerusalem and the Restoration of Modern Jerusalem's Neighborhoods*

11:00 AM Davidson Center (.5 hr.)

11:30 AM Western Wall (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *Historical Perspectives with a view to Modern Israel and the controversies to this location today*

12:00 PM **Lunch- Old City Jerusalem (1 hr.)**

Speaker: Naftali Bennett, Minister of Education
Topic: *Briefing*

1:30 PM **Walking Tour and Overview of Old City Jerusalem Quarters/Temple Institute (2 hrs.)**

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *Understanding the division of each quarter in the Old City and who has control*

3:30 PM Southern Steps (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Muslim/Jewish Conflict Relating to the Dome of the Rock*

4:30 PM **Return to Hotel**

6:30 PM **Dinner and Evening Session-Hotel (1 hr.)**

Speaker: Dore Gold, President of Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
Topic: *The Fight for Jerusalem and the US role in bringing changes to the Middle East*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

8:30 AM Breakfast- Hotel- Private Room (1 hr.) Members Only- Secure Briefing!

10:00 AM Hotel (1 hr.)

11:30 AM Lunch- Hotel- Private Room (1.5 hrs.):

1:30 PM **Depart for Palmachim Airbase (1 hr.)**

2:45 PM **Tour of Arrow- 2 Defense System (1.5 hrs.)**
(including simulated attack from Iran)

4:15 PM Arrow-3 Briefing (.5 hr.)

5:00 PM **Depart for Jerusalem (1.5 hr.)**

Speaker: Ari Sacher, Chief Operating Engineer, Iron Dome
Topic: *Q & A Educational Debrief-Missile Defense Systems*

7:00 PM Dinner- Hotel (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Ruth Fazal, Violinist and Composer for Holocaust Memorial Day
Topic: *Holocaust Education through her music and composing*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

Day 3 – Tuesday, August 22, 2017: Samaria- (9.5 hrs.)

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Depart for Ariel

Session En Route (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Survey of Demographic Realities of Samaria (inside the Green Line)*

9:45 AM Ariel Barkan Industrial Park & Look Out (1 hr.) Tour Factory

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *Mutual Investment: Israelis and Palestinians up close*

10:45 AM Tour of City (.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *City of Ariel: Israel's Model City and Capital Center of Samaria*

11:30 PM Lunch at Ron Nachman Legacy Center - Ariel Pioneer Museum (1.5 hrs.)

Speaker: Eli Shavero, Mayor of Ariel
Topic: *Briefing on city of Ariel*

Speaker: Galal Sadafi, Head of Arab Israeli Youth, Director
Topic: *National Leadership Vision for Arabs and Jews*

1:00 PM Tour National Leadership Center (1 hr.)

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *A New Generation of Leaders for Israel*
Speaker: Eran Glazer, Managing Director, National Leadership Center, Ariel
Topic: *Israel's Identity*

2:15 PM Ariel University- Walking Tour (.5 hr.) Briefing by Avi Zimmerman

2:45 PM Depart for Shiloh

Session En Route to Shiloh (.5 hr.)

Speaker: Avi Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *Understanding U.S. perspective toward Judea and Samaria, Part I*

3:15 PM Ancient Shiloh – Welcome and Tour of Archaeological Site (2 hrs.)

Speaker: Mayor Avi Roeh and Spokesperson Miri Ovadia
Topic: *Welcome and intro*

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association

Speaker: Avì Zimmerman, Executive Director, American Friends of Ariel
Topic: *Understanding U.S. perspective toward Judea and Samaria, Part II*

6:00 PM Dinner- Psagot Winery (1 hr.)

7:15 PM Depart for Hotel

Overnight at Waldorf Astoria Hotel

8:00 AM Breakfast – Hotel- Private Room (1 hr.)

9:30 AM · Temple Mount (1 hr.)

11:00 AM **Tour of Jerusalem & Outlying Neighborhoods (3 hrs.)**

2:00 PM **Return to Hotel: Change into Business Attire**

3:00 PM Hotel- Meeting to discuss PM visit and topics per Member

4:00 PM Depart for Knesset (.5 hr.)

5:00 PM Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (1.5 hrs.)

Topic: *Briefing with the Prime Minister*

7:00 PM East Jerusalem Lookout (.5 hr.) – site of Jordanian occupation and modern day disputes over land rights

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *Jordanian occupation and modern day disputes over land rights*

Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *Mt of Olives Overview*

8:00 PM Dinner- Hotel (1 hr.)

Topic: *Prime Minister Debriefing with Members*

Overnight Waldorf Astoria Hotel

7:30 AM	Breakfast
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Speaker: Heather Johnston, Executive Director, U.S. Israel Education Association
Topic: *US/Israel Relationship in View of Modern Israel*

Speaker: Shai Nahon, Professional Guide
Topic: *History of Judea and tour of Modern Neighborhoods*

Speaker: Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum, Hebron Director of Tourism
Topic: *Hebron: Home of the Patriarchs, relevance of Hebron in US Israel relationship*

Speaker: Shai Nahon
Topic: *Modern History of Judea: Demographic Realities*

Speaker: Yishai Fleisher, International spokesman Hebron, Israeli Radio Host, writer and contributing editor at the JewishPress.com

Topic: *Creating Business and Opportunity for Palestinians inside Judea and Samaria*

Speaker: Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem
Topic: *Briefing: Jerusalem*

Speaker: Mois Navon, ASIC Design Manager
Topic: *Latest Technology Innovations in Collaboration with US*

Speaker: Michael Oren, Former Ambassador to the US
Topic: *50 Years Since 1967 War*

10:00 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion for Departure Check-In

12:15 AM **Departure Flight on DL 469- Friday, August 25, 2017**

